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Subject: FW: Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: Ongoing Field Work at Mines

I just participated on a HQ call on this issue. We are still trying to identify what makes sense for each of our mining sites. We are going to develop a list of sites and criteria to evaluate any potential treats. The RPMs that currently work on mining sites will be ask to provide information. Please let them know that this is going on and we will provide more clarification in the near future.

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Is this in a press release? WE need to convey something to states,

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Contact: press@epa.gov or 970-812-3351

SUBJECT: Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: ongoing field work at mines

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy today sent the below directive to Regional Administrators regarding ongoing field work at mines:

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

Regards,

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